



Southeast Louisiana CoCoRaHS Newsletter

May 5, 2013

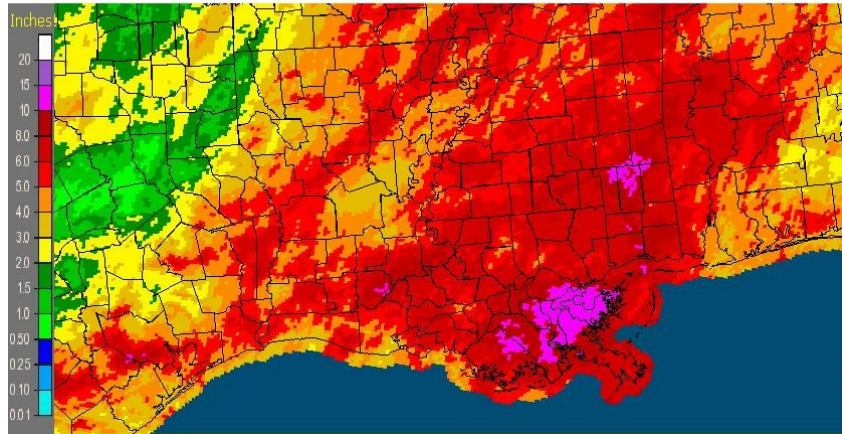
"Because every drop counts"

A very wet April in Southeast La.

Unlike a relatively dry March, April rains came with a vengeance. Several slow moving and even stalling fronts moved into position to offer rain chances on several occasions. The wettest days appeared to be the 11th, 12th, 14th and 19th when the wettest locations measured over 3 inches. However, only the 12th had an average over 1 inch for all reporting stations. With 19 days having measurable rainfall across the state, accumulations tallied over 10 inches at 6 locations statewide, all in the New Orleans metro area. Marrero 1.9 E on the west bank of the met-

ro area had 15.84 inches for the wettest location in April. Several area rivers and streams stayed at elevated levels for much of the month. The reds in image are greater than 6 inches and the pinks/purples are greater than 10 inches.

Louisiana: April, 2013 Monthly Observed Precipitation
Valid at 5/1/2013 1200 UTC- Created 5/3/13 19:45 UTC



Hail Reports

The state hail reports numbered five in the month of April, with the most notable coming from Gray 0.5 ENE (LA-TR-5) on the 13th at 11:15 pm with penny to grape sized hail that evening. Also on the 14th, Shenandoah 1.5 E (LA-EB-22) reported pea sized hail at 1:45 am. In the Shreveport areas, pea sized hail was reported from two locations on the 10th and another report from Benton, LA came in on the 1st with 1/2" to 3/4" hail stones.

April Statistics

- **Wettest Month State & Local**
LA-JF-6 Marrero 1.9 E
15.84" on 25 reports
- **Number of Rain Days: 19**
- **Wettest Day State & Local:**
LA-PC-2 New Roads 2.7 ESE
5.53" on the 14th
- **Driest Month State:**
LA-OC-14 Monroe 3.2 SSE
2.83" on 24 reports
- **Driest Month State:**
LA-AP-2 Donaldsonville 4.0 SW
5.29" on a perfect 30 reports
- **Hail Reports: 5**
see paragraph above

Reporting Statistics (April)

- **Stations reporting: 96**
- **Number of reports: 2267**
- **Average daily reporting: 75.6**
- **Busiest Reporting Day**
• **Date: April 19th**
- **Number of Reports: 86**
- **Average reported rainfall: 0.67"**
- **Max amount: 2.28"**

Wettest Reporting Day

- **Date: April 14th**
- **Number of Reports: 75**
- **Average reported rainfall: 1.38"**
- **Max amount: 5.53"**

Comment of the Month

- **From Meraux 0.8 WNW (LA-SB-1) on April 25th**

"Very heavy rainfall and strong winds occurred with a strong cell that moved into the area. Rain came down so quickly that it caused very rare flooding of my street nearly up to the sidewalk."

This was the case on several occasions in April when spring rains came. This would carry into the early days of May as well. This was one of 269 comments posted by the observers in April.

Keep those rain and hail reports coming!